

Kennedy	Napolitano	Simpson
Khanna	Neal	Sires
Kildee	Neguse	Slotkin
Kilmer	Newhouse	Smith (MO)
Kim	Norcross	Smith (NE)
Kind	Norman	Smith (NJ)
King (NY)	Nunes	Smucker
Kinzinger	O'Halleran	Soto
Kirkpatrick	Ocasio-Cortez	Spanberger
Krishnamoorthi	Olson	Spano
Kuster (NH)	Omar	Speier
Kustoff (TN)	Palazzo	Stanton
LaHood	Pallone	Stauber
LaMalfa	Palmer	Stefanik
Lamb	Panetta	Steil
Lamborn	Pappas	Stevens
Langevin	Pascrell	Stewart
Larsen (WA)	Payne	Stivers
Larson (CT)	Pence	Suozzi
Latta	Perlmutter	Takano
Lawrence	Perry	Taylor
Lee (CA)	Peters	Thompson (CA)
Lee (NV)	Peterson	Thompson (PA)
Lesko	Phillips	Thornberry
Levin (CA)	Pingree	Timmons
Levin (MI)	Porter	Tipton
Lewis	Posey	Titus
Lieu, Ted	Pressley	Tlaib
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Tonko
Loeback	Quigley	Torres (CA)
Lofgren	Raskin	Torres Small
Long	Ratcliffe	(NM)
Loudermilk	Reed	Trahan
Lowenthal	Reschenthaler	Turner
Lucas	Rice (NY)	Underwood
Luetkemeyer	Richmond	Upton
Lujan	Riggleman	Van Drew
Luria	Roby	Vargas
Lynch	Rodgers (WA)	Veasey
Malinowski	Roe, David P.	Vela
Maloney,	Rogers (AL)	Velázquez
Carolyn B.	Rogers (KY)	Visclosky
Maloney, Sean	Rose (NY)	Wagner
Marchant	Rose, John W.	Walberg
Marshall	Rouda	Walden
Mast	Rouzer	Walker
McAdams	Roybal-Allard	Walorski
McBath	Ruiz	Waltz
McCarthy	Ruppersberger	Wasserman
McCaul	Rutherford	Schultz
McCollum	Ryan	Waters
McEachin	Sánchez	Watkins
McGovern	Sarbanes	Watson Coleman
McHenry	Scalise	Weber (TX)
McKinley	Scanlon	Webster (FL)
McNerney	Schakowsky	Welch
Meadows	Schiff	Wenstrup
Meeks	Schneider	Westerman
Meng	Schrier	Wexton
Meuser	Schweikert	Wild
Miller	Scott (VA)	Williams
Mitchell	Scott, Austin	Wilson (FL)
Moolenaar	Scott, David	Wilson (SC)
Mooney (WV)	Sensenbrenner	Wittman
Moore	Serrano	Womack
Moulton	Sewell (AL)	Woodall
Mucarsel-Powell	Shalala	Wright
Mullin	Sherman	Yarmuth
Murphy	Sherrill	Young
Nadler	Shimkus	Zeldin

NAYS—18

Amash	Foxx (NC)	Massie
Biggs	Gohmert	McClintock
Brooks (AL)	Gosar	Rice (SC)
Buck	Griffith	Roy
Cline	Grothman	Steube
Ferguson	Hern, Kevin	Yoho

NOT VOTING—28

Abraham	Frankel	Pocan
Babin	Gomez	Rooney (FL)
Bilirakis	Herrera Beutler	Rush
Bonamici	Horn, Kendra S.	Schrader
Brindisi	Katko	Smith (WA)
Brooks (IN)	King (IA)	Swalwell (CA)
Cohen	Lawson (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Costa	Lowey	Trone
Davis, Danny K.	Matsui	
DeFazio	Morelle	

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Messrs. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, FERGUSON, RICE of South Carolina, GOSAR, STEUBE, BUCK, GRIFFITH, and BROOKS of Alabama changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. HICE of Georgia and PALMER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to inform you that I am resigning my position as Clerk of the House effective midnight on February 25, 2019. Thank you for the honor of nominating me to serve in the position of Clerk of the House in the 116th Congress.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

THANKING KAREN L. HAAS FOR HER SERVICE AS CLERK OF THE HOUSE, AND WELCOMING CLERK-DESIGNATE CHERYL L. JOHNSON

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and congratulate Karen Haas, and say how very appreciative this House is for the extraordinary service that has been given to us for many years, and to the people of this country, by Karen Haas.

Karen, thank you so much.

She has been the Clerk of the House for a very long time. She was the Clerk of the House in the 109th and 110th Congresses as well.

Throughout her tenure, she served with distinction, working hard to ensure that the Office of the Clerk always acted in a nonpartisan, bipartisan way, which brought credit on this House and great service to every Member.

Thank you for that, Karen.

Many of us serving in the House have known her even longer, going back to her service on the staff of former Speaker Hastert and former Republican Leader Bob Michel.

I might say of the latter, Bob Michel was one of the finest human beings I have ever known and one of the best Members that I have ever served with. Karen was proud to serve with him, and he, I know, was so fond of Karen and her service to him and to the House.

Now, I may not be totally objective. Karen is a native Marylander. Karen is also a graduate of the University of

Maryland, so Karen and I share a lot in common. We live in Maryland; we graduated from Maryland; and we love this House.

I offer her the thanks of the House, its Members, and our staff, as she steps down from this position. I am not sure where Karen is going, but I guarantee you, our loss will be somebody else's gain, because she has the kind of talent, commitment, energy, and faithfulness that will make a real difference wherever she goes.

I also congratulate Cheryl Johnson for becoming the 36th Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, Cheryl returns to the House where she served for 20 years with the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the Committee on House Administration.

She will bring an extraordinary amount of experience to her job as the Clerk of the House. I know she will do an outstanding job, and I welcome her back to this House, which she has served so ably before.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the Republican whip.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland, the Terrapin from Maryland, for yielding.

I want to say, first, we are going to miss Karen Haas. Karen Haas served this body so well, as the majority leader talked about, and in such a fair way, treating all Members with the dignity and respect that they all deserve as we all carry out the work of the people's House.

When you think about the different roles that she has played, serving this Chamber, this body, for decades in a number of different roles, but, of course, most notably to all of us, twice as Clerk of the House. She was actually here once before, left, realized just how much fun it is to be in this House and work for this great body, and came back.

We thank you for coming back again and for your great service during these times.

So much work goes into the operations of the House. The things that we do on a daily basis, whether it is a Member filing a bill, when you go down to drop your bill in the hopper, it is Karen and the entire team that she has put together at the Office of the Clerk that receives the bills, that processes the bills.

When we all vote for and sometimes against the Journal, it is the Clerk that puts together the Journal of the House to make sure that the things that we do are properly recorded throughout time for people to go review.

It is an important job. But it is the work that she has done that we all see on a daily basis that we are going to miss.

As Cheryl Johnson takes her place, best of luck to you as well. We wish you all the best, but we are going to miss Karen.

We wish you the best in your next endeavor. You can come visit us from time to time.

Karen, thank you so much for the work that you have done on behalf of not just us as Members of Congress, but on behalf of all the American people who count on this institution to function properly, for helping us make sure that it is done in a proper, efficient, fair, and impartial way. Best of luck to you, Karen.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the whip for his comments, and I certainly share his views. I am now pleased to yield to my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the Republican leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding, and I rise to congratulate Karen Haas, who after five terms as Clerk of the House, is retiring.

I would like to remind all Members in this body that fewer than 11,000 people have ever had the privilege to serve in this House. It is even fewer for a Clerk.

Karen was our 34th Clerk and only the second woman to hold that position. We thank you for that leadership. When we think about the role of the House Clerk, you think of roll calls and recorded votes. But the Office of the Clerk is really about continuity. Without the Clerk, Congress could not fulfill its obligation to the American people and move in a smooth manner, which many people don't see the challenge.

Few individuals are more committed to preserving the continuity than Karen. She has done that as Clerk and as a trusted staff member and floor assistant. Always, she has been a friend and counselor to Members, regardless of what side of the aisle you sat on.

Karen Haas also equipped and modernized this House for the 21st century. Oftentimes, you won't see that because it is behind the scenes, but it makes the legislative process more accessible to the people it serves.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to Karen for her dedication, her team's professionalism, and her steady hand on the tiller. Her service reminds us of an important fact: The people's House is only as good as its people.

You rose to the occasion. On behalf of a very grateful House, and a grateful Nation, we say thank you, Karen.

And to Cheryl, we wish you the best.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to yield to the Speaker of the House, Ms. PELOSI.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished leader for recognition and calling us together to salute two great women in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I rise for the great honor of swearing in Cheryl Lynn Johnson as the 36th Clerk of the House of Representatives. This is a very distinguished and prestigious role.

Mr. MCCARTHY, I was pleased to appoint the first African American woman Clerk of the House, Lorraine

Miller, when I was Speaker before, and now I am happy to be appointing the second.

We are privileged to be joined by Cheryl's parents, the Reverend Charlie Davis and Cynthia Davis of New Orleans, who are with us in the Chamber. Thank you for being with us.

We are also pleased to welcome Cheryl's husband, Clarence Ellison, and her son, Bradford, to this Chamber today as well. Welcome to you, and thank you.

I join our colleagues, the distinguished Democratic leader, the Republican leader, and distinguished Republican whip in saluting House Clerk Karen Haas for her many years of distinguished service to this institution.

Anyone who knows her is proud of her service. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank you, Karen, for the great integrity and dedication for which you have served the people's House. Thank you so much.

She has been magnificent.

Cheryl Johnson embodies public service and has dedicated her career to strengthening many of the most important institutions of our democracy, including our own.

Indeed, today is a homecoming, as Leader HOYER has mentioned, as Cheryl returns to the House of Representatives where she worked with distinction and honor for Chairman Lacy Clay, Sr.—I emphasize senior—of the Committee on House Administration's Subcommittee on Libraries and Memorials; and the House Committee on Post Offices and Civil Service Subcommittee on Investigations.

Our country is stronger for her work on the then-Committee on Education and the Workforce to secure justice and progress for our children and advance fairness and respect for our workers.

In the Congress, she earned the respect of all—Members and staff, Democrats and Republicans—for being a leader of compassion, courage, and commitment.

Cheryl returns to the House after more than a decade at the Smithsonian Institution. Her great dedication to that American treasure—which is the largest museum in the world—has ensured that it will remain a source of creativity, innovation, and research for generations to come.

Our Nation is particularly grateful for her extraordinary vision and persistence in helping transform the dream of the National Museum of African American History and Culture into a reality.

Cheryl has made a difference empowering millions of Americans and visitors from abroad to explore and be inspired by the beauty and richness of American culture and history.

Cheryl's strong leadership and deep love and respect for the institutions of our democracy will be vital in her role as House Clerk, strengthening and safeguarding the Congress in the tradition of Karen and the Congress, the first branch of government, Article I.

I thank Cheryl for her commitment to our institution and to our democracy; and with great, again, recognition and appreciation to Karen Haas for her service.

It is now my privilege to administer the oath of office to Cheryl Johnson.

ELECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 143) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 143

Resolved, That Cheryl L. Johnson of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, effective February 26, 2019.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SWEARING IN OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Will the Clerk-designate please take the well and all Members please rise.

The Chair will now swear in the Clerk-designate of the House.

The Clerk-designate took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

WELCOMING CHERYL L. JOHNSON AS THE 36TH CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. CLAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the newly installed Clerk of the U.S. House, Cheryl Lynn Johnson.

She is the 36th American to be elected to this critical position. The Clerk, as we know, serves as the legislative official in the House, a position that goes back to the first Clerk and to the first Congress in 1789. As was mentioned, she comes to us from the Smithsonian Institution where she served as the Director of Government Relations.

Among her many achievements, as was mentioned, Cheryl helped to make the National Museum of African American History and Culture a brilliant reality.

But this is not her first tour of duty on Capitol Hill. In fact, she previously spent almost two decades in service to this institution, and as was mentioned, her first position was serving on the